

# Ukraine – Kiev City

## Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

### FACT SHEET . . . . .



The Ukraine – Kiev City GYTS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on five determinants of tobacco use: access/availability and price, environmental tobacco smoke exposure (ETS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components Ukraine could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Ukraine – Kiev City GYTS was a school-based survey of students in Forms 8-10 and professional/technical schools

(course 1 or 2), conducted in 1999. A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Kiev City. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 100%, the student response rate was 81.4%, and the overall response rate was 81.4%. A total of 4156 students participated in the Ukraine – Kiev City GYTS.

### Prevalence

77.3% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 84.0%, Female = 69.1%)  
 41.2% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 46.1%, Female = 34.6%)  
 41.1% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 46.8%, Female = 33.8%)  
 8.0% currently use other tobacco products (Male = 9.9%, Female = 5.6%)  
 26.3% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

### Knowledge and Attitudes

23.2% think boys and 14.8% think girls who smoke have more friends  
 10.6% think boys and 4.3% think girls who smoke look more attractive

### Access and Availability - Current Smokers

6.7% usually smoke at home  
 39.2% buy cigarettes in a store  
 94.4% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

### Environmental Tobacco Smoke

49.9% live in homes where others smoke  
 74.2% are around others who smoke in places outside their home  
 64.2% think smoking should be banned from public places  
 50.3% definitely think smoke from others is harmful to them  
 58.9% have one or more parents who smoke  
 42.8% have most or all friends who smoke

### Cessation - Current Smokers

58.0% want to stop smoking  
 62.3% tried to stop smoking during the past year  
 45.4% have ever received help to stop smoking

### Media and Advertising

78.7% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days  
 87.4% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days  
 26.1% have an object with a cigarette brand logo  
 8.1% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

### School

51.6% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking  
 36.1% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke  
 45.7% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

### Highlights

- 41% of students currently use some form of tobacco; 41% currently smoke cigarettes; 8% currently use other forms of tobacco.
- ETS exposure is very high – half of students live in homes where others smoke; 7 in 10 are exposed to smoke in public places; almost 6 in 10 have parents who smoke.
- 6 in 10 students think smoking should be banned from public places.
- Half of students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Almost 6 in 10 smokers want to stop smoking.
- 7 in 10 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; almost 9 in 10 saw pro-cigarette ads in the past 30 days.

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